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SUBJECT: OUTCOME LEGAL PROCEEDINGS REGARDING

REVEREND THEO KOTZE ARISING OUT OF SCHLEBUSCH
COMMISSION HEARINGS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THROUGH COMMERCIAL CABLE AND
TELEPHONE OF HEARING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, BEFORE COURT
IN PRETORIA ON JUDGMENT AND SENTENCING IN CASE OF REV.
KOTZE. UNDERSTAND REV. KOTZE GIVEN FOUR MONTHS SENTENCE,
SUSPENDED, HOWEVER, FOR THREE YEARS, ON CONDITION THAT HE
NOT REFUSE TO TESTIFY BEFORE ANY GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
DURING THAT PERIOD.

2. BECAUSE OF PRECEDENTAL IMPORTANCE THIS AND NAUDE CASES,
AND WIDESPREAD INTEREST AMONG, INTER ALIA, CHURCH,
CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGAL GROUPS HERE, DEPARTMENT WOULD
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APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY COULD SUPPLY

UPDATING PRIOR EXCELLENT REPORTING THIS MATTER. IN PARTICULAR, IS ANY APPEAL CONTEMPLATED OR POSSIBLE? IS THERE ANY FURTHER DETAIL ON CONDITIONS IMPOSED? MIGHT EMBASSY BE IN POSITION AIRMAIL EXPEDITIOUSLY JUDGMENT, SENTENCE, AND TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING WHEN AVAILABLE?

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION ON SIDE EFFECTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IS IT CONTEMPLATED CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE WILL PUBLISH MATERIAL UPDATING QUOTE SOUTH

AFRICA, A POLICE STATE? UNQUOTE OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, AND THAT CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE-RELATED GROUP, INCLUDING REV. KOTZE, WILL PUBLISH FURTHER ISSUES OF QUOTE BANDWAGON UNQUOTE? IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT WILL BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF EXPEDITED AIRPOUCH DELIVERY OF SEVERAL COPIES OF EACH OF ANY SUCH FUTURE PUBLICATIONS. AS EMBASSY AWARE, PERIOD OF PRE-BANNING AVAILABILITY COULD BE LIMITED. BOTH ARE UNIQUE FOR THEIR COVERAGE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL, UNDER SECURITY AND RELATED LEGISLATION. ROBINSON

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